

Remarks

Claims 1-24 that were in the above-captioned application as filed have been cancelled and replaced with new claims 25-100. These are very similar to the claims that issued in a parent application, now U.S. 6,153,626. They differ from these earlier claims however in that variables are no longer defined in terms of R^1 and, in this respect, they are similar to the claims that recently issued in another parent application, now U.S. 6,710,179. Because of the amendments with respect to the definition of variables, the amended claims are somewhat narrower than those that issued in the '626 patent and, Applicants believe they are also much clearer. In addition, the claims have all limited n of formula I to 1 in accordance with the restriction requirement imposed by the Examiner and the election of restriction Group I by Applicants.

The amendments do not add new matter to the application, and their entry is therefore respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks above, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for immediate allowance. Early and favorable notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (202) 419-7013.

Respectfully submitted,

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